

SOUTHERN AFRICAN ROUNDUP

The Pretoria regime continues to attack neighbouring states, to support bands of murderers in Southern African countries and to sabotage economic progress and independence all over the region.

In Angola the South African Defence Force is still occupying parts of the south and gives massive military help and air support to Unita. But with the help of the Soviet Union, Cuba and other Socialist countries the Angolan people are bravely resisting.

In Mozambique, despite the Nkomati Accord which was supposed to end Pretoria's help to the armed bandits of the MNR, the acts of terror and destruction go on.

In Lesotho and Botswana massive pressure is being used to force these two brave countries to knuckle under. Direct military attacks are supplemented by economic blackmail. So far, however, Pretoria has not succeeded in forcing these countries to sign non-aggression pacts.

In Swaziland they did succeed in getting such a pact, but it has not brought peace to the Swazi nation. On the contrary, ever since the death of King Sobhuza, a friend of the ANC, the Swazi people have known nothing but political dog-fights and increasing poverty.

And in Zimbabwe the forces of destabilisation and chaos are being steadily prepared. According to *Africa Magazine*, Pretoria is building up a destabilisation force of former Muzorewa men and other dissidents in camps at Mandimbo Gumbo, Spencer and Pafuri along the Limpopo.



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Why is Pretoria doing these things? There are three main reasons:

First: The racists want to drive the ANC out of the neighbouring states. They want to make the governments of those states do Pretoria's

dirty work by acting as policemen against the ANC, just as Matanzima and Sebe do. They want to go back to the times when the Portuguese and Ian Smith guarded South Africa's borders.

Second: The government is terrified that the peoples of Southern Africa will build socialist societies in the region which will be a strong rear-base of the ANC and an example of the benefits of socialism. That is why Angola and Mozambique were first on their hit-list.

Third: The South African capitalist class is not only the ally and *handlanger* of imperialism worldwide, but also an imperialist force in its own right. South African big business wants to extend its economic control over the rest of Africa. Today its influence stretches as far as Zaire and Malawi — but this is not enough.

South Africa's capitalists want to bring all the Southern African countries firmly under their control. This is the real meaning of Botha's 'constellation of states'.

Pretoria wants Mozambique to join the Rand Area and the Southern African Customs Union. That will give South Africa control over Mozambique's trade with the world. Then it wants Maputo to join the Southern African Development Bank so it can control Mozambique's internal economic policies. After that, the next target will be Zimbabwe.

South Africa is carrying out these aggressive policies with the encouragement and help of the United States. Pretoria correctly understands that President Reagan's 'constructive engagement policy' really means 'licensed to kill'.

The United States and South Africa are powerful enemies for our people. What weapons do we have to fight back with?

First: We must strike where the enemy is weakest — right inside South Africa itself. Only the complete overthrow of the Pretoria regime and the white colonial state will bring peace and security to Southern Africa.

Second: The peoples and leaders of the region must keep up their brave resistance to the Pretoria bullies. It is now perfectly clear that coming to terms with the militarists in Pretoria is the road to disaster. They will only demand one concession after another.

But in the long run the only solution is to break out of the world capitalist system, of which South Africa is a part, and begin the long process of building socialism. However difficult, this is the only sure way to economic progress and political freedom.

DEATH TO BOTHA'S BANDITS!